

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 12, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please amend Claims 1-11, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method to facilitate [[the]] transfer of data from a client database to a host database, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

identifying ~~at least one~~ a data field from [[said]] the client database desired for [[said]] the host database;

incorporating [[said]] the data field in a spreadsheet;

populating at least a portion of [[said]] the data field in [[said]] the spreadsheet with assumed test data values, wherein the test data values are formatted in accordance with format requirements of the data field;

developing an algorithm configured to reformat data associated with [[said]] the data field from [[said]] the client database and desired for [[said]] the host database;

receiving a test file from [[said]] the client database;

creating a reformatted test file ~~with said from~~ the test file using [[said]] the algorithm;

comparing [[said]] the reformatted test file to [[said]] the spreadsheet;

identifying ~~at least one~~ a change, wherein [[said]] the change would substantially conform [[said]] the reformatted test file to [[said]] the spreadsheet;

creating an updated algorithm from [[said]] the algorithm ~~which incorporates said at least one~~, the updated algorithm incorporating the change;

receiving an input file from [[said]] the client database;
creating a reformatted input file by applying [[said]] the updated algorithm to
[[said]] the input file; and[[,]]
uploading [[said]] the reformatted input file to [[said]] the host database.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of
~~identifying a data fields from said client database desired for said host database further~~
~~comprises field includes~~ receiving and analyzing a client record layout to identify [[said]] a
data [[fields]] field desired by a host.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ the client
record layout ~~further comprises receiving said client record layout is received~~ from a
database clearinghouse.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ client
~~record layout further comprises receiving said client record layout from a~~ the database
clearinghouse further comprises receiving said client record layout from at least is one of a
DST clearinghouse and a DAZL database clearinghouse.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ the test
file from said client database further comprises receiving is a 529 plan test file from said
client database.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of incorporating [[said]] the data fields in a spreadsheet further comprises field includes at least one of:
a substep of determining an order to organize [[said]] data fields ~~into said in the~~
spreadsheet;
a substep of determining data field headers from [[said]] the data fields and
populating at least a portion of [[said]] the data field headers into said in the spreadsheet in
[[said]] the order; and
a substep of determining parameters for [[said]] the data fields and formatting
[[said]] the data fields using [[said]] the parameters.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 6, wherein [[said]] the substep of
determining parameters for [[said]] the data fields and formatting [[said]] the data fields
using [[said]] the parameters further comprises includes formatting [[said]] the data fields
to include at least one of: an alphabetical character, a numeric character, [[or]] and an
alpha-numeric character.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of populating ~~at~~
~~least a portion of said data fields in said spreadsheet with assumed data values further~~
~~comprises, includes:~~

generating fictitious test data in accordance with [[said]] parameters of [[said]] the
data fields field, wherein the test data simulates data of the client database,
populating at least a portion of ~~said fictitious the test~~ data into [[said]] the
spreadsheet, and

forwarding [[said]] the spreadsheet to [[said]] the client database for feedback regarding [[the]] accuracy and [[the]] organization of [[said]] the spreadsheet.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method [[in]] of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of comparing said reformatted test file to said spreadsheet further comprises, includes substeps of:

comparing data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file to data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet[[,]];

comparing parameters from [[said]] data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file to parameters from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet[[,]];;

comparing data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file to data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet[[,]]; and

identifying inconsistencies between [[said]] the data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file ~~to said and the~~ data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein [[said]] the substep of identifying inconsistencies between said data values from said data fields from said reformatted test file to said data values from said data fields from said spreadsheet further comprises at least one of includes:

identifying [[said]] the inconsistencies by a visual comparison[[,]]; and[[,]]

identifying [[said]] the inconsistencies by an automated comparison.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of
receiving an input file ~~from said client database further comprises includes~~ copying at least
a portion of [[said]] the input file to create at least a portion of a duplicate input file to
~~minimize the possibility of losing information from said input file.~~

Claim 12 (Canceled).